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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official  
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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Date: 3 Feb 1993 21:48:46 GMT  
From: usc.edu!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!hamblin.math.byu.edu!usenet@network.UCSD.EDU  
Subject: ham fest in Utah  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

For local hams and prospective hams in Utah

We are going to the ham fest in SLC Utah on the second sat of this month.

Any info contact local ham or me.

thnx your time:

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Date: 3 Feb 93 20:46:54 GMT  
From: usc.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!spool.mu.edu!news.nd.edu!

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>Your argument is that a test should be made difficult so the test taker  
>values the effort required to pass the test. I can't agree for two  
>reasons.

>The other reason I can't agree with your argument is that I don't believe  
>it is the government's job to make me value my amateur privileges or my  
>accomplishment in achieving some license class. If I value them, I'll do  
>what's necessary to maintain them, but putting up arbitrary road blocks is  
>certainly something I wouldn't advocate the government doing. It's already

>Besides, even if you feel the government should be my motivator, why  
>motivate me to learn Morse code? Certainly there must be other things I  
>can do that would be of greater value to me and the amateur community than  
>learn Morse code. Think of how much we could push the state of the art if  
>we required potential amateurs to push the state of the art. Or perhaps  
>you feel 20 WPM is state of the art?

>Besides, if learning Morse code really requires the sacrifice you imply  
>based upon the value it instills, can't we use that effort for better  
>things? The potential is staggering. If it takes the average amateur 50  
>hours of effort to go from 5 WPM to 13 WPM and 100 hours to from 5 WPM to  
>20 WPM (I made these up, pick your own favorite numbers) and we have  
>230,000 advanced and general class amateurs and 60,000 extra class  
>amateurs, that's 8,500 person-years expended on learning Morse code. Is  
>learning Morse code really worth 8,500 years of effort? Think of the  
>things that could be done with that kind of effort? Fund raising for  
>AMSAT, fund raising for a PAC to help protect our bands, teaching  
>electronics to under privileged children, or who knows what else. 8,500  
>years is a \*LOT\* of effort and I didn't even include the time for probably  
>some 450,000 amateurs to learn their initial 5 WPM.

>73,  
>Todd  
>N9MWB

Todd, couldn't agree with you more. By your call, I'd guess you  
were licensed within about the last 1 1/2 years, right?

I think you'll find that a lot of the OF's (Old Fart's) are quite  
hidebound in their beliefs that CW separates the men from the boys in  
Amateur Radio.

In the first club I was in, most of the old timers didn't even want to come to the meetings anymore because they felt that the club was being taken over by "those dang repeater users". They were opposed to spending money for repeater improvements because they felt like the money should be left in the bank for "future use". Like what? us young hams replied, you guys haven't done s\*\*t in 15 years, according to the back minutes of the meetings.....

Never mind that the officers of the club were also OF's. Us young guys were just pushing some progress. :-)

OK, that was nearly 20 years ago. I've been licensed for 19 years (this May) and I suppose that qualifies me in some respect as an OF. However, I have never been one of the hidebound brass freaks that some of my peers are.

If THEY want to use the key, that is fine. Don't expect that everyone else in Amateur Radio enjoys it or wants to do it. \*I\* don't.

And I agree that the time has come for CW to cease being the standard by which all hams are measured. The FCC has given us NO-code Technician, it is here, it is a fact, and all the sour grapes in the world coming from some of my fellow OF's don't change that.

One of my major arguments in favor of no-code was that in the face of increasing pressure on our spectrum allocations, we had better expand our hobby in terms of sheer numbers of people. Congresscritters understand two things: cash and re-election. If you got enough people in your hobby to wield lots of votes, you stand a better chance of having some influence. And influence is what will keep spectrum, NOT a bunch of purists keeping people OUT of the hobby.

Duane  
WB9OMC

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Date: 3 Feb 93 09:51:22 GMT  
From: agate!doc.ic.ac.uk!warwick!pipex!Q.icl.co.uk!dsbc!ozz!prs@ames.arpa  
Subject: UK call signs  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <1993Jan31.024827.17622@thunder.mcrcim.mcgill.edu>,  
control3@McRCIM.McGill.EDU (Mark Readman) writes:

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> I would like to know the call signs currently in use in  
> UK. What should I be listening for on HF. Is it

> always G3 etc. I was just wondering because the ARRL  
> handbook gives several prefixes other than G for the UK.  
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Full G Calls        += blank England  
                          M Scotland  
                          W Wales  
                          I Northern Ireland  
                          D Isle of Man  
                          U Guernsey  
                          J Jersey

Club G Calls        += X England  
(optional prefix        S Scotland  
used when passing        C Wales  
3rd part greetings)    N Northern Ireland  
                          T Isle of Man  
                          P Guernsey  
                          H Jersey

Class A (HF+VHF/UHF)    G0 G2 G3 G4  
                          GM0 GM2 GM3 GM4  
                          GW0 GW2 GW3 GW4 etc  
                          plus all 1x2 and 2x2 pre-war calls, eg G5QQ GM5QQ

Class B (VHF/UHF only)    G1 G6 G7 G8  
                          GM1 GM6 GM7 GM8  
                          GW1 GW6 GW7 GW8 etc

Additionally GB calls are special and come as class A and class B.

Novice 2 Calls        += as Full G Calls except    E England

Class A (HF+VHF/UHF)    2E0 2M0 2W0 etc  
Class B (VHF/UHF only)    2E1 2M1 2W1 etc

73 Peter G0 PUB

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